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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO CONFIRM ORAL HEARING

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO CONFIRM ORAL HEARING

In accordance with 37 CFR §41.47(g) and §1.550(c), the Patent Owner hereby submits this written request for an extension of time to confirm the oral hearing in the above-referenced reexamination. The Notice of Hearing was mailed on December 19, 2012. A twenty-one (21) day deadline was given to respond to the Notice of Hearing. Accordingly, the Patent Owner respectfully requests an additional seven (7) days to confirm attendance at the oral hearing set for February 20, 2013. The signed confirmation of the Notice of Hearing is included herewith. The appropriate petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) has been paid and confirmation of payment is included herewith.

The law firm of Pate Pierce & Baird was dissolved in December of 2011 and all of its client matters were transferred to the law firm of Pate Baird, which was organized in November of 2010. Pate Baird has notified the PTO of the change in customer number from that of Pate Pierce & Baird (28049) to that of Pate Baird (11653). Documents previously filed in this matter did include the new customer number for Pate Baird. For example, the Request for Oral Hearing filed on July 19, 2012 did include Pate Baird's current customer number.

Nevertheless, Pate Baird has maintained the previous address associated with Pate Pierce & Baird, Post Office Box 520812, Salt Lake City, UT 84152-0812. An employee of Pate Baird regularly picks up any mail at that post office box in an attempt to make sure all correspondence from the PTO is received by Pate Baird.

Recently, Mr. Deepen Kothari picked up the mail from Pate Pierce & Baird's post office box, including the Notice of Hearing in the above-referenced reexamination. Mr.

Kothari inadvertently left the Notice of Hearing in his car until the morning of January 16, 2013. Please see the Declaration of Deepen Kothari included herewith.

Pate Baird has attempted to remedy this oversight as soon as possible. We respectfully request that the Board grant this request for additional time to confirm attendance at the oral hearing in the above-referenced reexamination.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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